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THE MORNING NEWS

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Aruba's Caiso and Soca Monarch Finals is tonight!



Thursday night was the final night of the Caiso & Soca Monarch Pre-finals; and a field of over 80 songs were narrowed down to compete for the titles of Carnival 59 Roadmarch (Soca) King or Queen, and Calypso (Caiso) King or Queen. A total of 30 finalists made it to the grand finale, which will take place tonight at the Joe Laveist Sport Park.

This is a full evening of original regional music at its best; where the rhythms that drive carnival and evoke dancing in the streets are revealed and selected to be the Roadmarch. Caiso, biting, satirical essays on social and political events of the past year, usually in English, are a

very unique part of Caribbean culture. Aruba's most important and talented musical groups and performers participate in these contests every year.

The gates will be open as of at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m. a DJ will be entertaining the crowd as a warm-up for the exciting night, and a very special Heineken "Happy Hour" was promised. At 8 p.m. sharp, the first contestant will be on stage to present their song to the crowd.

Judging by the amount of tickets already sold, things are shaping up to be a festive event.

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Tickets can still be bought in pre-sale, which is recommended to avoid the long lines at the stadium's ticket booth.

Tickets are also sold at Plaza Bookshop, Cliffix, CD & More, Superfood, Wema, Valero Boulevard, Valero Essoville, Gallo Rojo, MY USA, Fun Miles y Dragon CD & Electronics at a cost of Afl. 35. (\$20)

Organizers wish to thank sponsors Romar Trading, Setar NV, BlackBerry, Government of Aruba, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, Valero Retail, Hertz Lease, K&G, Fun Miles and Aruba Bank.

Entertainers appearing tonight are:

CAISO

Shaun Phillips - **OREO**
Jerrino Ridderstap - **D'licious**
Ronwayne Kock - **D'licious**
Mighty Jaoul - **Dushi Band**
Ashmiani Gario - **Le Groove**
Charles Hooker - **NBO**
Valetino King - **NBO**
Jonathan Thiel - **Upgrade**
Adolfo Richardson - **XC Lanz**
Tattoo - **Zeta Band**

SOCA

Bobby Gibbs - **OREO**
Jairo Evertsz - **OREO**
Mighty Campo - **DURO**
Cesar Olarte - **Dushi Band**
Caiso Teddy - **Dushi Band**
Tony Mingo - **Le Groove**
Ashrock Gario - **Le Groove**
Ashmiani Gario - **Le Groove**
Easy B - **Le Groove**
Ivor Aurelio Lee - **Le Groove**
Lincoln Gomes - **Le Groove**

Blacky - **Le Groove**

The Baron - **NBO**
Livette Richardson - **NBO**
Giovanni Meulens - **The Failures**
Chicho Kock - **This and That**
Adolfo Richardson - **XC Lanz Band**
Marienne Croes - **XC Lanz Band**
Urmain Dinzery - **XC Lanz Band**
Tattoo - **Zeta Band**

Line up of the bands tonight!



Yesterday the draw for the Caiso and Soca Monarch lineup took place.

Tonight's line-up on stage is the following:

1. Upgrade Music
2. D'licious
3. Le Groove

4. Dushi Band
5. DURO
6. Zeta Band
7. OREO
8. NBO
9. XC Lanz Band
10. The Failures
11. This & That.



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7:30 p.m. - Final Aruba Caiso & Soca Monarch Festival (Joe Laveist - San Nicolas)

Children's Carnival Queen Dakota and Noord ready to lead the Children's parade



Dakota Children's Queen

Recently, Dakota held their Children's Queen Election. After a fun-filled evening Zue-Jean Croes was crowned as Dakota's Children's Queen 2013. Her first Runner-up was Oriana Perez, followed by Daryleen Wever who was 2nd runner-up. This same week Noord also crowned their Children's Carnival Queen.

Edilienne Tromp was crowned Noord's Children's Carnival Queen followed by 1st runner-up: Keylie Ann Eckmeyer; 2nd runner-up: Isis Maduro; 3rd runner-up: Raynoushka Wever and 4th runner-up: Mary Ann Correa.



Noord's Children's Queen